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SUBJ: ASSISTANCE IN SECURING MEASLES VACCINE FOR MISSIONARIES
OF CHARITY

1. WE HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY (MOTHER THERESA'S ORGANIZATION WHICH IS RENOWNED FOR RELIEF WORK IN INDIA) WHO HAVE ASKED OUR HELP IN SECURING 400 DOSES OF MEASLES VACCINE FROM MELBOURNE.

2. IT APPEARS THAT ONE OF THE DESTITUTE ORPHANS BEING CARED FOR BY MOTHER THERESA HAS CONTACTED MEASLES. BECAUSE OF THE CHILDRENS POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION (MOST OF THEM ARE ABANDONED CHILDREN TAKEN FROM THE STREETS OF CALCUTTA) DOCTORS AND NURSES FEAR THAT THE CHILDREN ARE UNUSUALLY PRONE TO CONTRACTING A SEVERE CASE OF MEASLES WHICH WOULD IRREPARABLY HARM THEIR ALREADY WEAKENED CONSTITUTIONS.

3. MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION ARE SENDING THROUGH COMMERCIAL FACILITIES THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM JOHN TURNER, A MEMBER OF THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY, TO HIS COUSIN, CHRISTOPHER FUNDER, PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT, MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY. "PLEASE SECURE ON URGENT BASIS 400 DOSES OF MEASLES VACCINE. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE ATTENUATED MEASLES
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VIRUS VACCINE (PREFERABLY THE SCHWARZ VACCINE) IN EITHER SINGLE OR MULTI-DOSE VIALS. WE ARE CONTACTING THAI AIRWAYS ASKING THEM IF THEY WILL FLY VACCINE TO CALCUTTA IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE CONTACT THAI IN SYDNEY TO COORDINATE SHIPMENT."

4. SINCE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY ARE CONCERNED THAT ABOVE MESSAGE MAY NOT BE TRANSMITTED SPEEDILY ENOUGH THROUGH

COMMERCIAL CHANNELS, THEY HAVE ASKED IF CONGEN MELBOURNE
COULD ALSO PASS IT.

5. WE HAVE TOLD MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY THAT SUCH ACTION
MUST BE LEFT TO DISCRETION OF CONGEN MELBOURNE. HOWEVER,
WE CAN CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A WORTHY CAUSE.
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